Problems being faced by migrant families from Punjab

*5. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the miserable plight of migrant families from Punjab staying in Delhi in the open during the severe winter nights is within the knowledge of the Delhi Administration;

(b) whether Government are aware that the action of the Administration in declaring majority of the migrants 'bogus' without a just verification of their claims has caused untold injustice and hardship to them; and

(c) what steps the Administration propose to take to mitigate the hapless people's miseries on purely humanitarian grounds?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) According to the Delhi Administration the genuine migrant families from Punjab who had approached DC's office have since been accommodated in relief camps set up by them.

(b) The status of families is determined by the Delhi Administration on the basis of the verification reports received from the Government of Punjab.

(c) The Delhi Administration are already providing following relief to the genuine migrant families from Punjab:—

(1) Financial Assistance for diet/food money @ Rs. 10/- per member/ per day subject to a maximum of Rs. 1,000/- per family/per month.

(2) Free semi-*pucca* tenements|tented accommodation.

(3) Free facilities of electricity, water etc.

(4) Provision for Ration articles at control rates.

(5) Facilities for recreational activities such as Library, T.V. set etc.

(6) Assistance in the admission of migrant children in schools.

Decline in Export of Traditional items

*6. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the foreign trade position during the period July—December, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a shortfall in the export of traditional items; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) The details of the foreign trade during the period July—December, 1987 as compared to July—December, 1986 are given below:—

(Value: Rs. Crores)

	July-December 1986(P)	July-December 1987(P)	Percentage Change
Exports	6188.13	7502.52	+21.2
Imports	9774.82	11020.23	+12.7
Balance of trade	—3586.69	—3517.81	—1.9

(P: Provisional)

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)